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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2002, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph [0022] with the following:

-- [0022] The link 14 includes first axially extending axle portions 14a, 14b each having two faced portions (i.e., portions that are two-faced or have two flat surfaces) 14a1, 14b1 as shown in FIGS. 6 and 7. The slots 12d, 12e in the frame 12 receive the first axle portions 14a, 14b of the link 14. The first axle portions 14a, 14b of the link 14 are adapted to be inserted into the slots 12d, 12e from inside when the two faced portions 14a1, 14b1 are aligned with the slots 12d, 12e. --

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